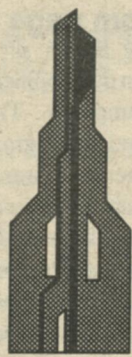


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Taylor receives \$3.15 million Lilly grant to start scholars program

by Deonne Beron
editor and
Craig Hider
Newswriting

President Jay Kesler announced on Tuesday that Taylor has received a \$3.15 million grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. The Endowment will establish a Samuel Morris Scholars program on the Fort Wayne campus and will also fund upgrades in learning technology and career development resources on both the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses.

Donna Downs, director of university relations, said that 80 to 85 percent of the grant will benefit the Fort Wayne campus, while the remaining 15 to 20 percent will be used to benefit the Upland campus.

According to the grant proposal that Taylor sent to Lilly, the Samuel Morris Scholars Program will identify "Indiana high school students who, because of financial, family, and educational barriers, might not otherwise matriculate to a four-year program of higher education (particularly a Christian liberal arts college)." Beginning with a transitional bridge program in July, the program will select 25 students each year over the next five years and proposes that 60 percent will graduate from Taylor within five years of enrollment.

In addition to financial need and lack of educational opportunities, criteria to be considered in identifying students for the program is the educational background of the students' family. Preference will be given to those students who are the first in their family to attend college.

Students chosen to participate in the scholars program will receive supplemental financial assistance for four years. Ron Sloan, associate dean for academic affairs on the Fort Wayne campus, said that a committee will determine the amount of financial assistance each student will receive based on their family income. Sloan also said students will be required to have work study and make use of student loan opportunities.

After considering those factors Sloan said that the structure provides for a minimum of \$2,000 and a maximum of \$6,000 assistance for each student, with the average expected to be around \$5,400 per student for the first year.

They will also participate in a tuition free six week program designed to help them

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COMMON CENTS



photo by Craig Hider

Larry Burkett, well-known author and speaker, challenged students in Wednesday's chapel to use Christian principles in money management.

Upland Health and Diagnostic Center holds open house

□ Taylor students, faculty and staff got a special sneak preview of the center's new facilities on Wednesday

by Kristin Anderson and
Heather Roberts
staff writers

Free testing, brochures, tours, and even refreshments were some of the highlights of the Taylor Community open house at the Upland Health and Diagnostic Center.

The open house was held for all faculty, staff, and students on Wednesday, December 4 in order

to introduce the new facility to the campus community. All visitors had the opportunity to be led on a tour by health center staff as well as receive free cholesterol and blood pressure screenings.

The staff at the diagnostic center estimates that 300 people attended the open house. The response of the community has been

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Health center serves record number before holiday break

by Deonne Beron
editor

In the midst of last week's pre-Thanksgiving break onslaught of final projects and preparations for the end of the semester, students were also feeling the onslaught of the accompanying illnesses. According to Teresa Smith, health center director, records show that the center saw 780 students between Monday, Nov. 18 and Wednesday, Nov. 20.

Smith reported that almost all the students seemed to have the

same "flu-like" symptoms, including a high fever and respiratory problems. Because it was a viral infection, nurses were only able to treat the symptoms with medicine and attempt to make students as comfortable as possible until the illness could run its course.

Because of the close quarters necessitated in dorm living, nurses were concerned about the high possibility of students reinfecting one another. Smith says that nurses spent a good deal of time educating the students they saw

about preventing reinfection.

In order to most effectively deal with the situation, Smith began talking with student development officials on the Nov. 18 to see what could be done to alleviate the situation, since the health center was full to capacity. Smith said that new students were coming to fill beds as soon as they would empty, and still other students were being

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very positive, according to Terri Buroker, practice administrator for the diagnostic center. "We were encouraged with the turn out. The support gives us positive reinforcement and shows the accepting attitude of the community."

At large, those who attended the open house were pleased with the new facility and services. "I was impressed with the facility. The entire staff was very professional," said Brent Ellis, Taylor's director of student programs and a visitor at the open house. "It's great to see a place like this finally come to Upland."

The Taylor radio station, WTUR, also participated in the event by doing a live broadcast at

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the center. They were contacted by the center to increase publicity for the open house.

When the center opens, it will house an x-ray department with radiology services including ultrasounds, mammograms, and diagnostic radiology. The center also includes a

pharmacy that will be open to the public and offices for two family practice physicians.

The facility is managed by a branch of Ball Memorial Hospital Health Care System and is the fourth of such facilities in the surrounding area.

The diagnostic center will open on Monday, December 9.

Endowment

bridge the academic gap between high school and college. Students are required to complete practicums or internships related to their major. Downs said the program also has provisions for mentors who will work with each student from the summer before they enter Taylor until they graduate.

Sloan said the Fort Wayne campus was chosen as the site for the program because of its capacity to accept increased enrollment and because of its proximity to students with the type of socio-economic background that the program was designed for.

Some have raised concerns about how the scholars program will affect the academic culture of the university. Sloan, in talking with the director of a similar program at a New York college, feels that the concern is relatively unnecessary. After implementing their program, that college had an even higher overall graduation rate. Sloan said the program directors will be very careful to select students with "sterling character" and who simply have unrealized academic potential.

Gene Rupp, vice president for development, said that one of the greatest benefits of the endowment will be increased exposure, hopefully resulting in increased enrollment on the Fort Wayne campus. Rupp also said that he hopes the

scholars program will generate good community relations through the emphasis on retaining Indiana graduates in in-state employment.

The remainder of the funds designated for the Fort Wayne campus will largely provide support for the scholars program. Among the grant's provisions are funds for additional student tutors, a career development resource upgrade, an assistant director to the learning support center, a director and support staff to administer the scholars program, and a video and brochure to promote the program.

Benefits for students on the Upland campus will mostly come in the form of increased career development resources and upgrades to the learning support center. The main benefit will be the establishment of a World Wide Web site cataloging internship and job opportunities within the state of Indiana. The site will be the responsibility of an employee relations coordinator, a position newly created by the endowment. The coordinator will also assist students with job placement by increasing contact with perspective employers on campus.

The funds received through the grant will be applied toward the \$75 million goal of the Taylor Tomorrow capital campaign, because the endowment provides for sev-

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eral of the curriculum development objectives of the campaign. The university also stated in the grant proposal that it intends to raise funds of \$3 for every \$1 the endowment provides. Those additional funds will be used to continue the Scholars program following the completion of the endowment in five years.

One of the stipulations of the endowment, however, is that all funds must be spent within five years. Though Sloan could not say for sure, he attributed this stipulation to Lilly's desire to encourage institutions receiving this type of grant to be able to sustain the programs.

One of Lilly's main objectives through initiatives like the Scholars program is to encourage graduates from Indiana universities to accept job opportunities within the state, according to Donna Downs. The grant proposal projected that 85 percent of the disadvantaged students enrolled through the Scholars program will be retained for jobs in state following graduation.

Downs said that Lilly approached Taylor with its initiative to keep Indiana graduates in state for employment and offered the chance to write a grant proposal for funds to implement the goal on campus.

SAC Christmas banquet set for Saturday evening

by Andrea Anibal
staff writer

Hodson Dining Commons will be transformed from run-of-the-mill cafeteria into a formal affair with Student Activities Council's annual Christmas Banquet.

The banquet will take place this Saturday, December 7, at 5:30 p.m. and is open to all Taylor students at no charge. The banquet is a formal occasion and Sunday attire is appropriate, according to Tara Lusk, special events co-ordinator for SAC.

The dining commons will be seasonally decorated and live goldfish centerpieces will adorn the tables.

"It will be a fun time to make the environment more festive and allow for social interaction in a more formal setting," Lusk said.

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forced to return to sleep off their symptoms in the dorms because of the lack of available space.

Because classes were almost over for Thanksgiving break and because many students who were sick were leaving early, development officials decided to allow students who had visited the health center to be excused from classes early to allow them to go home.

According to Smith, hall directors were helping to sift through the many sick students to help with processing those who would be allowed excused absences. If charts showed that a student had been seen at the health center within 24 hours of the time they reported to their hall director, the health center allowed them to leave campus.

She said that this was done

not only to alleviate the number of students who would need to be seen at the health center, but also to prevent already sick students from needing to go out into the cold for a second time.

Smith felt that the situation was dealt with effectively, despite rumors that the center had run out of medicine and that whole wings had been quarantined, neither of which were true. In fact, she noted that nurses were available on a regular round-the-clock basis and that some even worked overtime to deal with the flood of sick students.

A memo sent out to professors from academic affairs on Tuesday listed the names of around 50 students who had taken advantage of the excused absence offer to leave for home

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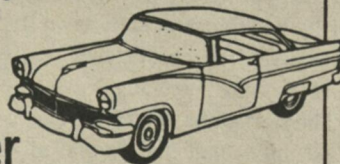
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Freshman takes first place in MPO concerto competition

by Deonne Beron
editor

When Claudia Heller first learned to play "Rhapsody in Blue," life may not have been considered a rhapsody, but for Heller the most challenging days were yet to come. During her senior year of high school, Heller, now a freshman at Taylor, contracted a virus that eventually developed into lung complications and forced doctors to put her into a coma for four months.

Winning the Marion Philharmonic Concerto Competition on Nov. 23 went a long way toward making her recovery complete.

"It was just kind of a blessing from God after all that this last year has been. [Winning] certainly doesn't make up for everything [that has happened], but it certainly is a perk."

Over this past summer, Heller practiced piano less than a half hour a day sometimes. Even that much practice proved exhausting

for her body some days. Heller said she found being in the music department this fall "inspiring" though, and it wasn't long before Dr. Ronald Sloan, who gives Heller piano lessons once a week was encouraging her to enter the concerto competition.

Heller had practiced another piece of music this year, but didn't really have any special "pull" toward performing it. She decided to give "Rhapsody in Blue" a second consideration.

Having heard the piece during her sophomore year of high school at a piano camp and having learned the notes to it the following year, Heller had enough background with the music to have developed a special love for it and had always hoped to have the chance to perform the piece with an orchestra.

Still, one doubt made her a little wary of entering competition with the piece. How would the judges receive the song? Though the

piece has the technical difficulty expected for a competition, Heller was concerned that the showiness of the piece might not be right. "I sometimes feel that if a judge sees you're going to play 'Rhapsody in Blue', they're like, 'Oh. Not this overused piece again!', but I really liked it."

When the evening finally ended, the winner was announced, and all the awards were handed out, Heller's perspective on the event was much the same as when she entered the competition.

"Everyone thinks that money is the most important thing..., but what is a lot more important than that is just an opportunity to play and get some experience playing with an audience and get your name known a little bit."

Heller received a \$250 prize and will have the opportunity to play "Rhapsody in Blue" with the Marion Philharmonic Orchestra at their pops concert in March.

Dead week to be instituted in preparation for finals

by Andrea Anibal
staff writer

This will be the first semester in which students will be able to take advantage of the new Dead Week policy initiated by the student senate.

According to Mike Balint, chairman of the senate, in its current form, the policy prohibits professors from scheduling unit exams or requiring papers or projects to be due the Thursday or Friday before finals week in a course with a comprehensive final exam. It also allows students with three exams in one day to choose which one will be rescheduled. In the past, the middle exam would have been moved, which, in some cases, still left the two hardest exams.

In its original form, the proposal contained a senate committee's suggestions for eliminating tests or papers in any class after the Tuesday before finals week, spreading the timing of finals out from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and allowing students to

choose which of three finals would be rescheduled.

The proposal was passed by the 94-95 senate and after revisions during the 95-96 school year, the Academic Policy Committee decided to put the Dead Week policy into effect in its new form.

Faculty members have been advised of the policy, but it will be the students' responsibility to work with their professors and see that it is followed in individual cases.

Even revised from its original form, this policy is one of the results of the senate's determination to voice the concerns of students and work for improvements according to their needs.

According to Balint, "Senate does have its weaknesses in that we do not have the broad perspective that the administration has, so any revisions are a reflection of that perspective. . . . I do believe senate works and that it's not a token position. I feel that we can get things accomplished and that we are getting things accomplished."

Religion index available on CD-ROM

by Amy Meyering
campus editor
Jill Welbaum
news writing

Zondervan Library recently made the first major CD-ROM religion index available to students, faculty, and community members. The American Theological Library Association, or ATLA, index allows students to research topics concerning religion. The library made the acquisition earlier this fall.

The ATLA index is made up of three separate indexes: periodicals, multi-author works, and an index

to book reviews in religion. The periodical index offers over 16,000 articles from 500 international journals on religion, while the multi-author works indexes 550 international publications. Over 14,500 book reviews from international journals and periodicals are also available.

A researcher can cross-reference subjects and authors through these indexes and receive full bibliographic information for these topics, which receive regular updates to keep the information current.

The indexes were previously available on and off through databases such as Dialog and Wilsearch at Zondervan Library. ATLA then put the information into CD-ROM form.

"This is a great resource and not many people know about it. There's a lot of information available," Roger Phillips, reference librarian, said.

The indexes are expected to go on-line in about two years, eliminating the need for the CD-ROM and making access easier, Phillips said.



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PARIS (UPI) — French police are asking for witnesses to help them in their investigation of Tuesday's Paris subway bombing which killed two people and injured 88. France's interior minister says there are "extremely troubling similarities" between the recent attack and last year's bombings blamed on Algerian militants.

International News



NEW YORK (UPI) — The United Nations Security Council may be able to consider other candidates for secretary general of the world body. Boutros Boutros-Ghali has suspended his bid for a second term. The United States blocked a second term for Boutros-Ghali, saying he had been ineffective in trimming the bureaucracy at the United Nations.

BELGRADE, SERBIA (UPI) — Thousands of university students marched through downtown Belgrade shortly after midday Thursday for their 17th straight day of protests against the annulment of municipal election results by Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

National News



CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — The shuttle Columbia remained another day in space after all. NASA officials scrubbed attempted landings Thursday because of bad weather at the Florida landing site. Columbia's mission had originally been extended one day to allow more time for experiments, but was cut back because of the weather. NASA planned another attempt for this morning.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Clinton continues to weigh possible cabinet nominees for his second term. Thursday, he announced his nominations of Madeleine Albright, United Nations ambassador, for secretary of state and William Cohen, retiring Republican senator from Maine, for secretary of defense. If confirmed by the Senate, Albright will be the first woman to serve as secretary of state. Both nominees are expected to be approved for office after going through the Senate confirmation hearings.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Incoming White House Chief of Staff Erskine Bowles made the rounds on Capitol Hill Thursday to get acquainted with Republican leaders. Bowles will be in charge of guiding the president's legislative agenda.

Meanwhile, the Justice Department's number three official, Associate Attorney General John Schmidt, will be leaving the

administration in January to return to Chicago. Schmidt is to become a visiting scholar at Northwestern University Law School.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Carpenters have begun putting up the inaugural stands in Pennsylvania Avenue for President Clinton's second inauguration on Jan. 20. A special bulletproof reviewing stand is being built for the president in front of the White House where he and his guests can watch the inaugural parade.

Clinton's first inauguration cost \$33 million, but this event is expected to have a smaller tab.

MIAMI (UPI) — Federal authorities in Miami are looking for a man they believe runs an organization that smuggled more than a ton of cocaine into south Florida. FBI agents say Robert Chicre of Miami Beach is the leader of a group of Florida dealers linked to major drug lords based on the northern coast of Colombia.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Federal health officials say driving remains the leading cause of death for young people, although the number of fatal accidents involving them has declined in the past seven years. They say a 16-year-old last year was 18 times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash than someone 30 to 34.

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Officials say a space heater may have ignited a Christmas tree and caused an apartment fire in Indianapolis Wednesday. One child, three-year-old Najay Jefferson, died Wednesday night as a result of second and third degree burns. Two-year-old Cassandra McCullough and her eight-month-old brother Devin remain hospitalized for smoke inhalation. Cassandra is in critical condition and Devin is listed in fair condition. Their mother, Theresa McCullough is listed in serious condition. Najay Jefferson's parents, India Jefferson and Brian Hamilton also remain hospitalized.

State News



INDIANAPOLIS — Police and towing services were busy Thursday, with over 125 traffic accidents reported due to the snowy conditions in the Indianapolis area. There were no serious injuries reported.

LEBANON, Ind. (UPI) — State transportation officials are reminding Hoosiers to use extra caution when driving near snowplows and salt spreaders. One man was killed Thursday when his mini-van slid and spun onto a salt spreader on State Road 32 in Boone County. 39-year-old Larry Reed of Decatur, Ind. died of massive internal injuries. The snowplow driver, 33-year-old John Wilson, was not injured.

Campus Events

Friday, December 6

- ♦ Diana and John Huntoon Christmas Recital voice and trombone 7:30 p.m. Recital Hall

Saturday, December 7

- ♦ CMD Fall Piano Recital 3 p.m. Rediger Auditorium
- ♦ SAC Christmas Banquet 5:30 p.m. Dining Commons

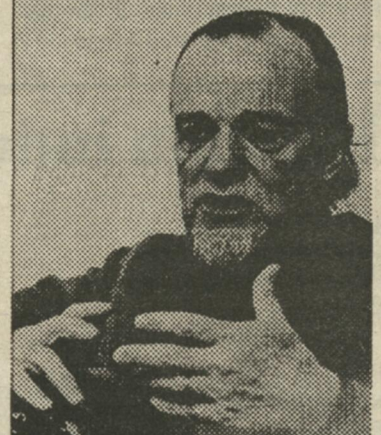
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- ♦ Carillon Chorus/Taylor Ringers/Bell Choir 7:30 p.m. Recital Hall

Tuesday, December 10

- ♦ Chamber Orchestra Concert 7:30 p.m. Recital Hall

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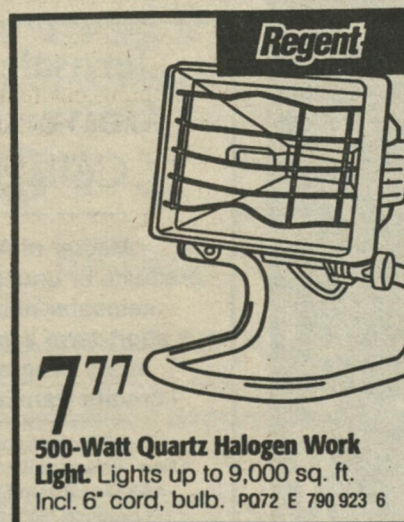
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Letters to the Editor

I am writing in response to a letter appearing in last week's *Echo*. To read a story about someone breaking the Life Together Covenant is certainly not a joy for anyone at Taylor. It causes us to have an image of this community which is less than the ideal we uphold. But there are some concerns I have about the writer's response.

"It isn't as though we don't already know what stuff is going on behind the scenes that breaks the LTC." This is not as obvious to everyone in our community as one might think. Unfortunately, we find out most of what we know of these situations through hearsay (otherwise known as gossip) that neither encourages nor builds up the Body of Christ. Since I have been at Taylor, I can recall at least a dozen instances of gossip which were in no way based on truth. Many of the individuals in question withdrew from the community, believing that they were some sort of pariah. Some even began to wonder if these lies were true. Perhaps the saddest reality of these situations is that these individuals no longer view Taylor as a loving and supportive community. Gossip is sin, as much so as smoking pot or failing to reach out to a brother or sister who is slipping through the cracks. When we fail to break the chain of gossip and do not seek the truth ourselves, we are perpetuating a wildfire of slander.

The Biblical model of confrontation, as I understand it, implies that there should be no "talk" around campus until the person has been confronted individually. If he or she realizes the mistake and repents, praise God! No one else needs to know, unless some retribution is in order. When the individual is unrepentant, two or three witnesses should return and follow the same process. Finally, if still unrepentant, the individual is brought before the Body at large. From what I understand of the Student Development program at Taylor, this is the model which is followed, starting with P.A.'s and other friends. It is rare that such actions become issues with the Dean's office before they have been thoroughly discussed with P.A.'s and hall directors.

The fact that such things happen at Taylor is sad. But are we to ignore reality? A refusal to allow issues to surface is unhealthy to our community. The longer we appear spotless, the more brittle is our exterior. . . and the more obvious the cracks when it all falls apart. We are called to confront the darkness, expose lies and speak

the truth in love. In the context of a community of believers empowered by the Holy Spirit, this is a beautiful thing. To read about someone else's struggle or sin is, to me, a privilege. Maybe I struggle with the same issues but, as many within our community feel, I am afraid to share it because everyone else appears to have it all together. There is simply no one with whom to identify. I dare say it's better to wear your spots on your sleeve than to hide them behind a misleading façade. I find it fascinating that times of revival/renewal are often preceded by acts of earnest public repentance for sin. I would hope that our public confessions or exposure of sin would lead us, individually and corporately, into the experience of brokenness (from ourselves and our pride) and renewal.

Finally, I want to agree with the writer that we are called to love one another unconditionally, but I must disagree with the notion that the article in question will cause us to judge others. Whether or not I judge my brother lies within my own heart. A distinction must be made, too, between judgment as accountability, and judgment as slander. Here I digress from the article to speak of this in a larger context. While Jesus warns us, "Judge not, lest you be judged," the Bible is full of examples of correct judgment leading to righteousness. The Prophet Nathan is the example I think of first. He confronted David in his unrepentance over his act of adultery and murder. I find it interesting that God included this story in the Bible. If God has no qualms about discussing acts of sin, why should we? The result of my reading the story about David is that I am reminded once again of the consequences of sin. The same can happen at Taylor University. Written in a spirit of truth and humility, such articles, as the one in question, can cause those within our community to remember the consequences of our actions and reaffirm our commitment to honesty and integrity.

Randy Dillinger ('95 grad)

I'm writing in response to the letter published November 22, defending the actions of *The Echo* staff in publishing the now-infamous dismissal story.

That writer asked why information regarding this issue was broadcast in *The Echo* when it was already "being discussed on and off campus." I say that is exactly why it should appear in *The Echo*; it is the duty of the media to keep us informed about events which occur on our campus and affect us, particularly events such as this which also appear in rumors which may or may not resemble the truth. I, for one, certainly don't want to be forced to rely upon the rumor mill to learn how my administration reacts to such situations.

[The writer] also indicated that the article would cause students to judge others rather than loving them unconditionally. I doubt that; I have enough faith in those who are committed Christians that I believe a single article won't cause them to condemn anyone. The function of the article was *not* to urge students to guess who was involved, but to show once again that, yes, sin has consequences. Who knows, perhaps someone reading the article will confront a struggling friend out of concern for his welfare rather than waiting and risking his discipline by a higher authority. Making the student body aware of a problem and its potential consequences is not "un-Christian"; it is an obligation of the media.

If *The Echo* staff had not reported the story, it would have appeared that the media were making a conscious effort to deny the fact that we had a problem and I, for one, think that an apparent cover-up would have been far worse than this article could possibly be. Loving one another unconditionally does not mean covering up for each other; it means facing each other's shortcomings and accepting our fellow Christians regardless. I realize that there are a lot of emotions and tensions involved in this incident; let's not try to vent them on those who are just doing their job.

Laura VanArendonk
submitted via e-mail

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Editorial

Have we lost all cents?

After Wednesday's chapel with Larry Burkett, I found myself subscribing to a comment that I overheard on my way into chapel. One of the students behind me was making the remark to a friend, "I'm just putting in my two cents worth!" Her companion replied in a protesting tone, "You're always putting in your two cents!" Her response? "Maybe it will help the senseless."

I wonder just how many Taylor students find themselves fitting into the senseless category after listening to Mr. Burkett. It would seem to be common sense to make wise choices regarding money, but some of the student responses I've heard indicate that the idea of budgeting and planning isn't really common sense and is probably less than a joyous thought.

It's true that most of us are in a certain amount of indebtedness just to be at Taylor, but why do we choose to add to that debt load with things like credit cards? How have we gotten so far away from the mentality of families like the Waltons and Ingalls who would rather sacrifice than spend money they didn't have? It is in essence the same question Burkett has already asked: "Whatever Happened to the American Dream?"

We seem to have gotten sucked into the idea that money will provide us all the things that we need in life. A new car. A big house. A new wardrobe. Is it the idea of doing better than our parents that entices us

to view these things as must-haves? Or could it be that the presence of increasing paychecks in some job markets bring these types of things into the realm of seeming necessity. And the wonderful thing is that with just a little credit, we can start out the game with all the prizes.

If we have all the prizes, what's left to win? Bigger prizes. Which require more credit and so the cycle goes. In return, we're left with unreturnable "gifts" like ruined marriages and holes in our lives that were never meant to be filled by things we could find on earth.

So, what's there left to try? Be a fanatic and give away all your earthly possessions? Depend on the kindness of strangers? That would only shift the problem. We need to plan today for what the future will inevitably put before us tomorrow.

More importantly, what can we do now as students to find solutions to the challenges of the financial world? Let's start implementing finance classes into the curriculum. One of the best suggestions I've heard so far is to make such a topic part of the opening lectures for senior seminar. (For one thing, it would also provide an answer to the many recent grads who complain that the lectures don't pertain to what they will be experiencing after school.)

Seems like getting a sensible handle on money and even putting together a budget aren't looking so bad after all.

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Clarification

In the November 22 article regarding the disciplinary action for students possessing alcohol and marijuana, *The Echo* reported that, "The last student on probation was the person who originally brought the situation to Campbell and was genuinely seeking help with a drug problem."

Two of the students involved in bringing the situation to light were inadvertently confused. The student who originally reported the situation to development officials was not, as the statement implied, seeking help for a drug problem. A second student, also on probation was, however, seeking help with a drug problem. This second student verified the information that was originally presented to Campbell regarding the situation. *The Echo* staff apologizes for any misconceptions the article may have caused.

Five students set to spend spring semester in Lithuania

□ *Students express their interest in learning about life in another culture after the parting of the Iron Curtain*

by Lynette Miller
basic reporting

Five Taylor students will travel to Lithuania this spring to spend a semester studying at Klaipeda Christian College as part of an experimental project. The students going are Jonathan Coords, senior; Ben Callahan, junior; Kyle Welty, sophomore; Carol Kauffman,

The Suite Life

Another adjustment Moore said the students will have to make is that there will be four students to a suite. There will be one Taylor student and three Lithuanian students per suite. Suites are furnished and have an attached bathroom. When asked about living with the Lithuanians, Carol

pack lightly and layer clothing.

Besides living with Lithuanians, Taylor students will have several other opportunities to experience and adjust to the culture. Part of the course load is a service project related to their major within the community. They will be matched with someone who can speak English. "My biggest concern is the language barrier. I'm a senior and I need to do my practicum while I'm over there," said Coords. He hopes to fulfill practicum requirements through this service project.

Students also take three weekend trips, one to Riga, the capital of Latvia; one to Kaunas, Lithuania; and one to Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania. Students also take a week long trip to the city of Prague in the Czech Republic.

Many students are excited at the opportunity to go to Europe, particularly the Baltic states, since they have just recently been released from Communist control. According to Ben Callahan, "It will be interesting to see the differences, especially since they have been behind the iron curtain."

Klaipeda Christian College has been open for four years and is the first private college in Lithuania. It offers a bachelor of arts in English and Christian studies, and a minor in business administration. The majority of the students come to learn English. While there, Taylor students will be taking general education classes such as art history, philosophy, creative writing, and British literature.

The Taylor students leave Jan. 15 and return June 1.

Cleaning Up

A third adjustment is that all student laundry is done by hand and hung on clothes lines in the hallway. However, Lithuanians do not own many clothes, so Moore has encouraged Taylor students to



photo by Becky Moore

HOME AWAY FROM HOME- Taylor students will be living in suites like this one with three Lithuanian students this spring.

freshman; and John Thorson, sophomore.

Vice President of Academic Affairs Dwight Jessup and his assistant Rebecca Moore visited Klaipeda Christian College in September to finalize plans for the students' arrival. Moore said that she had some reservations about going but enjoyed it so much that she would love to go back. She said that Taylor students will face many adjustments to Lithuanian culture and college life. She encourages the students to be flexible and eager to learn about the culture.

Home Cooking

One of the major adjustments Moore said Taylor students will make is learning to prepare their own meals. There is no dining facility on campus and all food must be purchased at the open market in Klaipeda. Students prepare their meals either in their suite or in the kitchen on each floor of the dormitory. Each suite is equipped with basic supplies for cooking. Kyle Welty expressed concern about the lack of conveniences. "It's not like going to the supermarket, and I'm not a very good cook," he said.



photo by Becky Moore

CLASS TIME- Students at Klaipeda Christian College prepare for class.

It has been three and a half years since I first moved onto First North English my freshman year. The years have been filled with a lot of joy, sorrow, sickness and health. I will always remember my Taylor experience for all that it gave me. I will remember snowball fights, mud slides and that nice breeze that turned deathly my freshman year. I will remember my friends and their influence in my life. But I will most remember some of my professors; some memories will be good and some bad.

"As a Christian institution," our 1996-1998 catalog says,

"Taylor University has concerned, competent faculty who recognize that all truth has its source in God." I know that the administration believes this statement to be true. And, I guess part of the package that Taylor sold

to me as a prospective student was true. I have yet to meet a professor that does not claim God as the center of truth. I have professors that I would consider mentors in my life. They ooze with knowledge and know how to let me have a glimpse of what they have gained in years of experience.

However, there are a few professors that have no right to be at Taylor. I'm not talking about the professors that are mediocre because that is fine, I cannot expect a perfect institution. I do expect something better than a secular institution, though, because that is what I have been promised; that is why I pay to come to Taylor.

I rarely see some professors at chapel. They sign the same covenant students do. So, where are they? Managing their own finances? Grading papers? Or maybe they are just taking a nap. Whatever they are doing, are they not subject to the same rules as students? Shouldn't their peers be confronting them about the lack of integrity shown when fellow professors break the Life Together Covenant?

On the other hand, I know professors who will openly say they have no problem with drinking but refuse to drink because they have signed the LTC. I believe that all professors, who are our leaders, should be held to the same standards that students are.

I also know professors who

get annoyed with and sometimes yell at students, telling those they are to be mentoring that they don't have time. How are students to learn when they aren't allowed to ask questions, to be curious? Every student cannot be expected to learn in the same way. There are variations in learning styles and speeds that every professor should take into account.

I know some professors that struggle to learn every students' name. They take pictures of their classes, videotape them and memorize a face with a name. Let me tell you, it means a lot to me to know that a professor I had two

years ago still remembers my name. It makes me a person. However, I know professors that didn't even recognize my face enough to know that I was currently taking a class with them. It is the classes taught by

those professors I am likely to "blow off."

With many of the professors, I would agree that students need to take responsibility for their own education. However, I also have a problem fulfilling my responsibilities as a student when my professors are not fulfilling their responsibilities as a teacher (such as answering my questions, being willing to admit fault, rewarding a student's knowledge not the memorization of the facts and learning how to help others learn).

I hate to be a negative person. Trust me, I really do. But, I also know that if the only legacy I leave at Taylor is complacency I will never hear "Well done, my good and faithful servant." As Walt Campbell stressed keeping students accountable, professors should be kept accountable as well. If speaking to a professor does not work, there is an academic grievance process at Taylor (through the academic affairs department).

I see great things for Taylor in the future. I can envision Taylor University when I come back for the bicentennial celebration and my fifty year reunion. But, she won't get there without united leaders. She won't see 200 years if the message communicated to the outside world isn't fulfilled on the inside by those who live and work here.

from the



Ugly Green Couch

by Janyre Stockinger

I have a confession to make. All of you who have asked me in passing how my Thanksgiving Break went: I owe you an apology. My break was anything but "great." It was a restful time with my family but to be perfectly honest, I spent much of it frustrated.

Before I explain, know that I have little ground on which to stand when it comes to this issue. I have always watched football with my dad and brother and home videos with the rest of the family, and thought nothing of it. The first few nights of movie viewing weren't a big deal. But as the long weekend slipped away, I started to grow frustrated with the amount of time my family seemed to be spending with the television. For the first time I began to realize that what we—I must include myself—have always referred to as "family

time" has more often than not been completely entertainment centered. As I talked about my weekend with friends, I found that my experience was not uncommon.

I know what you're thinking. Another column on the evils of the "boob tube." Before you recycle your *Echo*, let me explain myself.

I realize that no one needs to conduct another study (or write an *Echo* column, for that matter) in order to convince a reasonably educated person that TV is mind-numbing and addictive. The evangelical community has been aggressive in its response to the deteriorating content of network TV, with the organization of boycotts, etc.

But in the meantime, a more subtle and perhaps more dangerous problem has grown beneath the surface. While evangelicals have been waging war in the public arena, our homes have been infiltrated by more attractive, "healthy" programming. Unfortunately, the effect in the end is nearly the same, as I realized during my brief but revealing stint at home. We seem to have forgotten how to interact with one another apart from the "unifying" force of the television. Interaction in the presence of the TV isn't really interaction at all.

Maybe that's why I've struggled so much as I've writ-

ten this. I couldn't ask for a more loving or supportive family, and it kills me to think that we have fallen into any kind of entertainment trap. But we have become willing to settle, to take the path of least resistance. And why wouldn't we want to? It's easy to run to pick out a fun family film and sit together, eyes fixated on the tube—it's easier than it is to sit and talk, taking the chance that we might not be as exciting as the characters in the movies.

The entertainment industry makes its fortune convincing us that we need more glamorous lives and our relationships suffer as a result. We've been tricked into thinking that television and videos ought to be an integral part of our culture.

It's more than an issue of moral or immoral programming; let Pat Robertson

and friends grapple with the networks over questionable content. What it comes down to, in the end, is an issue of stewardship. We will be held accountable for the manner in which we use our time, but it's bigger than a few wasted hours in front of television; it's a matter of valuing fellowship and intimacy over convenience. It's a choice we make. We must ask ourselves: Could this time be better spent?

A final disclaimer...I did have an okay Thanksgiving, but I left with a hollow feeling in the pit of my stomach. I'm a senior; after Jay hands me my towel this May, I will in all likelihood establish residency somewhere besides my parents' home. My days are numbered, as they say, and I want to squeeze every bit of nostalgia out of this holiday season—and the remainder of my time at home—that I possibly can. I want to soak up Dad's wisdom and Mom's loving kindness, and catch up with siblings that have grown up way too fast. But when all ears are tuned and all eyes fastened to that infernal box, I am robbed of the chance to savor any of that. That's why I write this in frustration.

As you pack your bags for the Christmas holidays, decide not to settle for comfort and convenience; there is something better. And do your family a favor—shut off the TV.

ever the

by Heath Lynch



Acrobatic

Raising Gideon's Torch- students plan for Sunrayce '97

by Amy Meyering
campus editor

A group of Taylor students is preparing for a cross-country odyssey powered by the sun.

Sunrayce '97, sponsored by General Motors and the Department of Energy, is a 10 day, 1200-mile solar-powered car race that runs from Indianapolis to Colorado Springs. Cars from across North America make the trek June 19-28. A

qualifying race is held in May at the GM Proving Grounds in Michigan to determine which schools will participate. Sunrayce is held every two years.

"We design and construct the entire thing. It's basically an electric car and the battery will be recharged by a solar panel on the car to keep it running," said Jon Clarke, project manager for Taylor's Solar Racing Team. Besides managing the project, Clarke is also involved

in the mechanical design of the car.

The operating systems have been chosen and construction of the frame of the car, named Gideon's Torch, is set to begin

Walmart, and Hershey, to sponsor their endeavor.

Clarke became involved in the Sunrayce at the suggestion of Dr. Hank Voss, professor of research

and faculty advisor for the project. "It was his idea and he came to me with it and we just went from there," Clarke said.

According to Nicole Maranda, a junior communication studies major involved in marketing for the project, the team is eager to learn from the

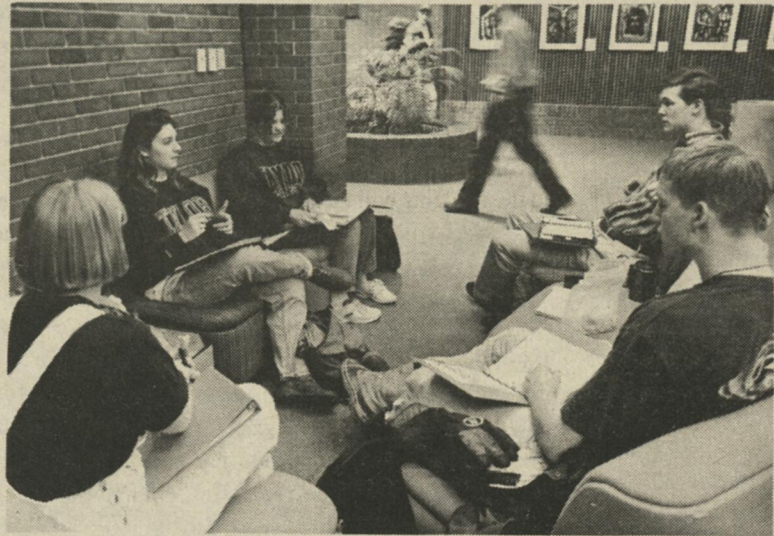


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PLANNING FOR THE TREK- A team of students meet to discuss construction of Gideon's Torch, their solar powered car, for Sunrayce.

within the next few months. The frame is aluminum and will support the electrical system that will run the car. Solar energy is converted to electricity to make this possible.

Clarke estimates that 15 to 20 students from several different majors are currently working on the Sunrayce project, from design to advertising to fund raising. The team has been approaching major corporations, such as Amway,

experience.

"We're setting up contacts, networking and cooperating as a team, learning skills we'll need in the 'real world'," she said.

Taylor will compete against schools such as California Polytechnic University, California State University, and the University of Michigan, whose team won the last Sunrayce. The winning team receives a trophy and a monetary prize.

Taking learning outside the classroom

by Janyre Stockinger
features editor

It is nearing the end of the semester and an informal look around Taylor would show that students are ready for a break from the classroom. Exam and lectures as a part of the "normal" experience are getting old. But some of the professors here at Taylor have taken their classroom outside the classroom.

For most students in these project based classes, the hands-on experience has two sides.

The market research class was required to develop, perform and evaluate research for a company outside of the Taylor community.

Senior Christopher Tromp and his group administered closed-question surveys of the clientele at Art in Motion Pets in Marion. After compiling the results, the group made recommendations based upon their marketing training. He said the experience "forced me to apply knowledge; it forced me to be quick on my toes and apply and use the knowledge from past classes."

One of his group members, senior Heather Mason, agrees with Tromp. She said that the experience overall was beneficial because she was able to gain knowledge from actually performing what would be required of her as a professional.

While the market research groups worked off-campus, teams formed from three different management classes planned, hosted and evaluated their own on campus events.

Senior Jenny Farrand and her group planned and hosted a freshman business open house. The event was designed to give freshman helpful information about the business major at Taylor.

For the most part, the students involved seem to think that the out of class projects are beneficial. However, the collision of the classroom with the real world does cause some problems.

"As students," Tromp said, "my group ran into some obstacles that we weren't sure how to handle. It was a learning experience to work through the problems, but it would

have been easier had we had the further training of professionals."

Even though increased student responsibility is an advantage, it can also be a disadvantage, Mason said. "If a group member does not take his responsibility seriously, you can't fire them like you would at any company."

To avoid group problems, Tromp, Mason and Farrand agreed that the best thing to do was to be responsible for your own work. If everyone always fulfilled their responsibilities, there wouldn't be any problems, Farrand said.

But, responsibilities are not always fulfilled. Tromp said that he suggested emphasizing the importance of the project, giving small responsibilities that need to be done to "slackers in the group" and if necessary, confront the member that is not doing their work.

Overall, students felt that the knowledge they gained helped prepare them for similar situations that they could encounter in a future position.

Successful volleyball season comes to a disappointing end

by Kevin Anselmo
sports editor

The Lady Trojans successful season came to a shocking close.

The Lady Trojans, attempting to go back to the nationals in California, suffered a loss to St. Aquinas in the semifinals of the regional tournament which ended their season. The loss was a hard fought battle that came down to the final game. The team lost the fifth and decisive game by a score of 15-13.

According to head coach Angie Fincannon, injuries took a toll on the team. Sophomores Rachel Lightenberg and Angela Olinghouse along with junior Natalie Steele, were all playing with ailments.

The defeat created a mixture of feelings.

"There was disappointment

that we didn't go back to the nationals. We didn't play our best. We didn't execute as well as we could have," Fincannon said.

Fincannon feels that the disappointing loss will help next year.

"We will have a unanimous understanding of what we need to do to get through next year. We will have greater maturity. I think it [the loss] will make them hungrier for next year," she said.

The team will be losing two seniors: Erin Hill and Beth Hartzler.

The team's 36-9 record, third consecutive MCC conference title, and Steele's record for kills are all things that Fincannon feels the team can be proud of.

STEELE SETS RECORD

To achieve an all-time career record is one thing, but to do it as a junior?

That's exactly what Natalie Steele did last weekend at the NAIA Regional Tournament.

Steele set the all-time NAIA record for kills breaking the old mark of 2,512. At season's end, she had 2,597. The record breaking moment came during a game against Walsh. After her kill, her teammates stood and gave her an ovation.

Steele had 689 kills this season. Last year, she set the season record for kills in a season by recording an astounding 1,143. This allowed her to lead the nation at every collegiate level including the NAIA and NCAA Division I, II, and III.

"She means so much to the team that it is hard to articulate," Fincannon said.

With another year to go, Steele will have the chance to shatter the records she has already broken.



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Men's basketball off to 6-3 start; Lady Trojans win tournaments

by Kevin Anselmo
sports editor

MEN'S BASKETBALL

With two losses in a row, the Trojans record has dropped to 6-3.

At the Taylor Tournament, which took place two weeks ago, the Trojans soundly defeated Michigan Christian, before falling in the championship game to Spring Arbor.

Freshman point guard Drazen Jozic led a balanced scoring attack with 15 points in the Trojans 81-44 win over Michigan Christian.

Senior center Steve Wit scored 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds in a losing effort as the Trojans could not overcome a 21 point first-half deficit. Junior Michael Delp came off the bench to score 11 points.

Wit scored 18 points and junior forward Scott Smiley had eight rebounds as the Trojans defeated IU-South Bend, 68-45 last week.

Last weekend, the Trojans participated at the Malone Tourna-

ment and once again they lost in the championship game after winning the opening game.

The Trojans defeated Ohio Valley, 74-47, before losing 55-49 to the host school, Malone. Wit scored 17 and 20 points respectively in the two games.

Wit continued his dominant play Tuesday night. He scored 27 points and led the team with 13 rebounds. However the Trojans were unable to overcome a seven point half-time deficit and lost 65-59 to Tri-State.

The Trojans go to Kentucky this weekend where they will play in the Cumberland Tournament. The Trojans host the 13th annual Ivanhoe Classic the following weekend.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The Lady Trojans have won four in a row and have an overall record of 7-3 after a two point victory over Tri-State on Wednesday.

Junior center Natalie Steele has been a key contributor to the recent success of the Lady Trojans.

Steele, along with sophomore Laurie Dunkerton, joined the team after the woman's volleyball season came to an end.

Steele had an instant impact in her first game back. She scored 20 points in the Lady Trojans' 77-69 win over IU-South Bend. Junior Sarah Krause led the team with eight rebounds.

The Lady Trojans hosted the Taylor Tournament last weekend and won the tournament with

DRIVING: Senior guard Grace Morrison drive's to the basket in Wednesday's win against Tri-State. Morrison, one of the teams captains, scored a season high 22 points in the Lady Trojans opening round victory of the Taylor Tournament.

victories over Olivet and Ohio Dominican.

Senior Grace Morrison led the team with 22 points in the Lady Trojans' opening round victory over Olivet. The Lady Trojans won the game 85-54.

Steele had a tremendous all-around game in the Lady Trojans' 86-76 win over Ohio Dominican. She scored 30 points and her 23 rebounds ties the school mark for most rebounds in a game; the mark

she established in a game last year when she had 23 boards.

The Lady Trojans host Indiana Tech on Saturday at 2 p.m.

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